

Table 18. Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis: All Treatments

<p>Authors Year Country Date of Studies Included AMSTAR Score Total Sample Size</p>	<p>Method</p>	<p>Conclusions</p>
<p>Davari et al. (2020) Iran reviews of published articles up to December 2018 AMSTAR=9 N=9</p>	<p>Method: A systematic review and meta-analysis of English RCTs on humans including any age group; comparing Pregabalin to Gabapentin or placebo; and measuring neuropathic pain as an outcome.</p> <p>Databases: PubMed, Cochrane Library, Embase, Scopus, the Web of Science.</p> <p>Level of evidence: Poor methodological quality RCTs: using Cochrane Collaboration's tool.</p> <p>Questions/measures/hypotheses: to examine the safety and efficacy of pregabalin (PGB) and gabapentin (GBP) in the treatment of neuropathic pain due to SCI.</p>	<p>1. Anxiety and depression symptoms were improved by Pregabalin use when compared to placebo (p<.05).</p>

<p>Hearn & Cross (2020) United Kingdom Review of published articles from 1996 to 2019. AMSTAR=8 N=5</p>	<p>Method: Comprehensive literature search of English studies with adults (18yr+) living with SCI, regardless of etiology, who had mindfulness training as a part of their intervention.</p> <p>Databases: PsycINFO, PsycARTICLES, MEDLINE.</p> <p>Level of evidence: Three of the papers were of poor/low quality, while two were moderate quality according to the Cochrane Collaboration Risk of Bias tool.</p> <p>Questions/measures/hypotheses:</p> <p>To synthesize and critically appraise available quantitative and qualitative evidence on the effects of Mindfulness-Based Interventions (MBIs) on pain and pain-related outcomes, depression, anxiety, and QoL in people with SCI; to make specific recommendations for future research based on current knowledge.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One study reported no change in depressive symptoms, while the other four studies reported significant improvements in depression symptoms ($p < .05$). 2. Four studies examined anxiety but only one reported significant decrease in anxiety symptoms ($p < .05$), and another study showed no change. The other studies did not use statistical analysis to determine the impact of their interventions. 3. Two studies examined changes in QoL, both of which reported no significant changes in QoL following MBIs.
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[Yu et al. \(2020\)](#)

China

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AMSTAR=7 N=11

Method: Reviewed RCTs that compared noninvasive brain stimulation (NIBS) with sham stimulation for neuropathic pain (NP), depression, and anxiety levels for SCI patients, and conducted a meta-analysis.

Databases: Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL), MEDLINE, Embase, PsycINFO, Physiotherapy Evidence Database (PEDro).

Level of evidence: 10 RCTs with level 1a evidence (PEDro=>6), and one RCT with level 1b evidence (PEDro=5).

Questions/measures/hypotheses:

The aim of meta-analysis was to examine the effectiveness of NIBS in the treatment of NP, and depression and anxiety symptoms among individuals with SCI.

4. Noninvasive brain stimulation showed no beneficial effect over sham stimulation on the improvement of depression ($p > .05$) but had significant effect on improvement of anxiety symptoms ($p < .05$).

<p>Onakpoya et al. (2019) United Kingdom Database inception to January 2018 AMSTAR=8 N=26</p>	<p>Method: A meta-analysis of RCTs of adults who received pregabalin to manage neuropathic pain.</p> <p>Databases: MEDLINE, Embase, Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL)</p> <p>Level of evidence: 26 RCTs with moderate to high risk of biases measured by Cochrane Risk of Bias criteria.</p> <p>Questions/measures/hypotheses: The objective of this rapid review was to evaluate the evidence for benefits and harms of pregabalin in the treatment of neuropathic pain in adults, using evidence from published randomized clinical trials (RCTs).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Out of the four studies that looked at anxiety and depression symptoms, there were no significant differences in the HADS-anxiety scores between groups ($p=.14$) or in HADS- depression scores between groups ($p=.54$). 2. Moderate quality evidence showed that pregabalin significantly reduced sleep interference scores ($p<0.00001$). 3. Four studies assessed QOL, using EuroQoL-5, showed conflicting results for the effect of pregabalin on QOL improvement after SCI.
<p>Yu et al. (2019) China</p>	<p>Method: Comprehensive literature search of RCTs of SCI participants with SCI-induced neuropathic pain. Meta Analysis was conducted.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pregabalin administration elevated the mental status of patients with SCI-

<p>Review of published articles from 1946-May 2018 (Pubmed), 1974-May 2018 (EMBASE) and May 2018 (Cochrane Library) AMSTAR=7 N=5</p>	<p>Databases: Pubmed, EMBASE, Cochrane Library.</p> <p>Level of evidence: 3 RCTs, Moderate quality (III Grade): one crossover clinical trial and one open-label trial</p> <p>Questions/measures/hypotheses:</p> <p>To show the efficacy of pregabalin and confirm the safety of using pregabalin for the treatment of SCI-related neuropathic pain.</p>	<p>induced neuropathic pain.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Decreased Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS) anxiety and depression scores were found in pregabalin and placebo groups at the endpoints. 3. HADS anxiety and depression scores of the pregabalin group was significantly lower than those of the placebo group HADS anxiety (p=.05) and HADS depression (p=.002).
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